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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Victor H. Shear, et al.

Serial No.: 09/498,369

Filed: February 4, 2000

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
MATCHING, SELECTING,
NARROWCASTING, AND/OR
CLASSIFYING BASED ON
RIGHTS MANAGEMENT AND/OR
OTHER INFORMATION

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) Examiner: Thomas A. Dixon
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated December 19, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claim 1), Group II (claims 136-140), Group III (claims 141-145), Group IV (claims 146-150), Group V (claims 151-155), Group VI (claims 156-160), Group VII (claims 161-165), Group VIII (claims 166-170), Group IX (claims 171-175), Group X (claims 176-180), and Group XI (claims 181-185).

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Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group V (claims 151-155) and Group VI (claims 156-160). The Examiner has classified Groups V and VI to class 705, subclass 67.

Applicants respectfully point out that claims 156-160 of Group VI are directed to method claims and not system claims as indicated by the Examiner. (12/19/01, Restriction Requirement, at 3). Since the Examiner has classified the claims in Groups V and VI to the same class and subclass, Applicants submit that examination of claims 151-160 would not place undue burden on the Examiner. (MPEP § 803). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 151-160.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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